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NEGATIVE DECLARATION
*HILO HOSPITAL
PSYCHIATRIC UNIT*
FEBRUARY 15, 1990

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- A. PROPOSING AGENCY: Department of Accounting and General Services for the Department of Health.
- B. APPROVING AGENCY: Not applicable.
- C. AGENCY CONSULTED: Department of Health.
- D. GENERAL DESCRIPTION TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS:
 - 1. Technical: This is to construct a one-story, concrete and masonry psychiatric unit of approximately 13,000 square feet; a new parking lot having approximately 24 parking stalls; and a new access road along the north and west sides of the proposed psychiatric unit at Hilo Hospital.
 - 2. Economic: The estimated cost of the project is \$3,700,000.00. Since the project will be constructed within the existing Hilo Hospital site, no land will be removed from the tax base.
 - 3. Social: The project will provide the Department of Health with a much-needed facility to provide patients in the Hilo area with psychiatric care and treatment.
 - 4. Environmental: The project will not create any major environmental impact.
- E. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING SITE MAPS: The locations of Hilo Hospital and the proposed psychiatric unit, parking lot, and road are shown on the attached Figures 1 and 2, respectively (TMK: 3rd Division 2-3-27:2). The Hilo Hospital site is almost completely developed with buildings, parking areas, and roads covering most of the site.
- F. DISCUSSION OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS: The following assessments are made to determine whether or not the anticipated effects constitute a "significant effect":
 - 1. The proposed action will not involve an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resources.
 - 2. The proposed action will not curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment.

3. The proposed action will not conflict with the State's long-term environmental policies.
4. The proposed action will not substantially affect the economic or social welfare of the community or State.
5. The proposed action will not involve substantial secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities.
6. The proposed action will not involve a substantial degradation of environmental quality.
7. The proposed action will not substantially affect any rare, threatened or endangered species of flora or fauna or habitat. No endangered species of flora or fauna are known to exist in the project site.
8. The proposed action will not detrimentally affect air or water quality or ambient noise levels.
9. The proposed action will not be located in any environmentally sensitive area, such as a flood plain, tsunami zone, erosion-prone area, geologically hazardous land, estuary, fresh water, or coastal waters.

G. SUMMARY OF MAJOR IMPACTS: From the above assessment, no major adverse environmental impact is anticipated. The project will result in the following minor adverse impacts:

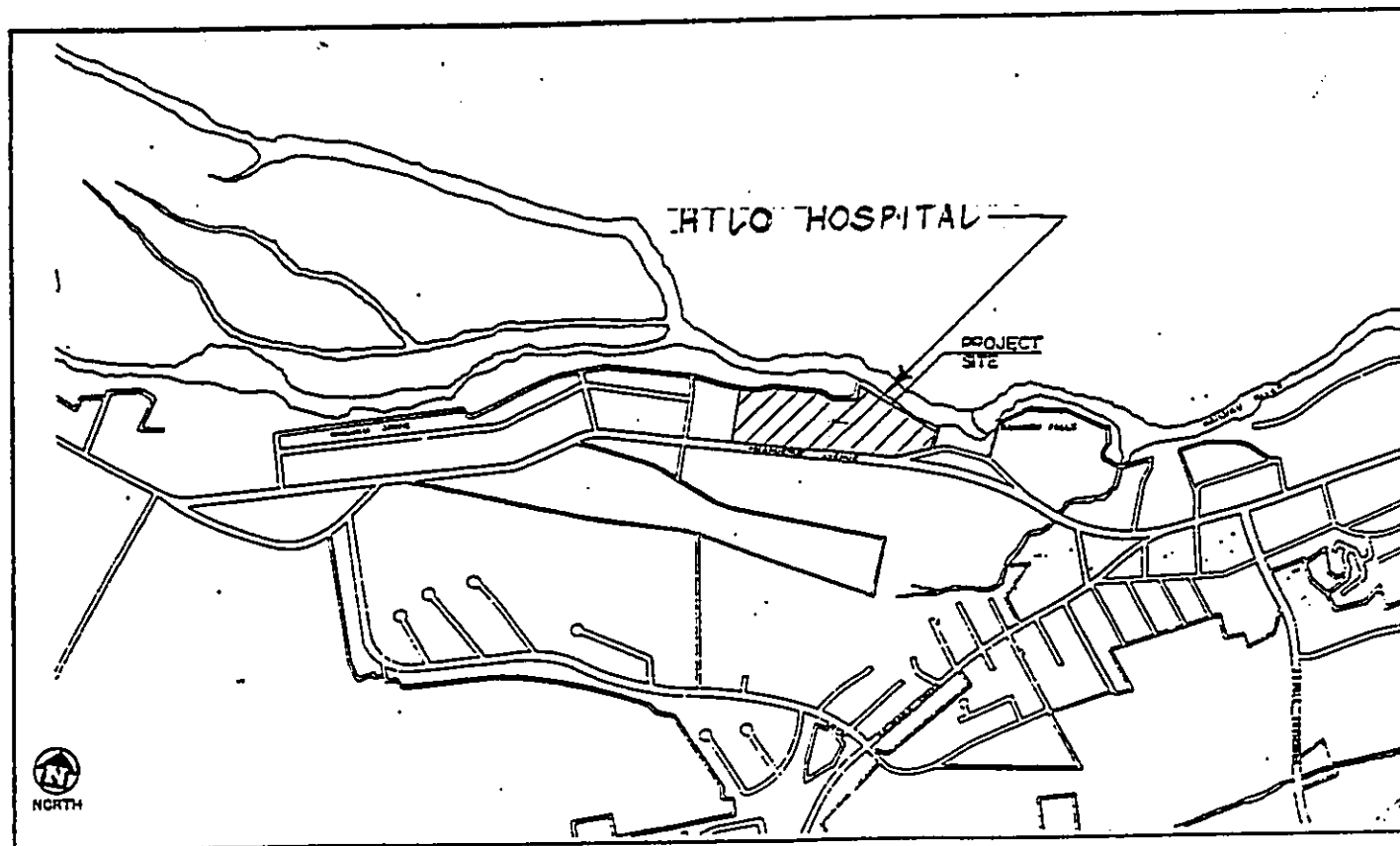
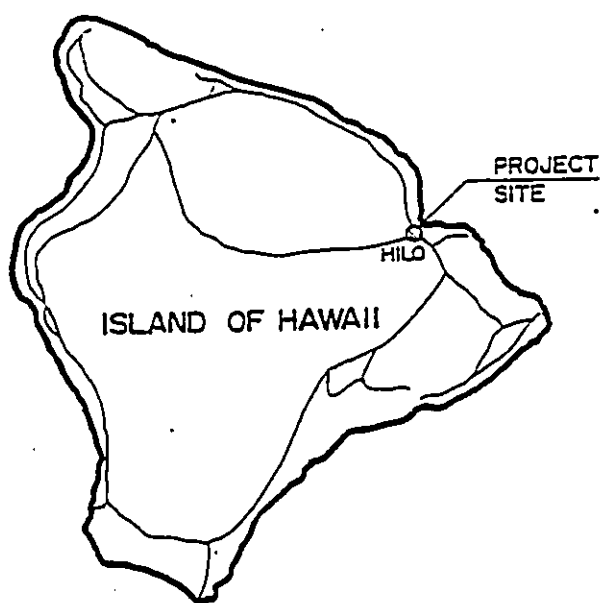
1. Depletion of labor and material resources for construction.
2. Some dust, noise and silting during construction.

H. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: The "no action" alternative was considered but deemed to be unacceptable.

I. PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES: The temporary dust, noise and silting which would occur during construction will be controlled by application of appropriate pollution control measures.

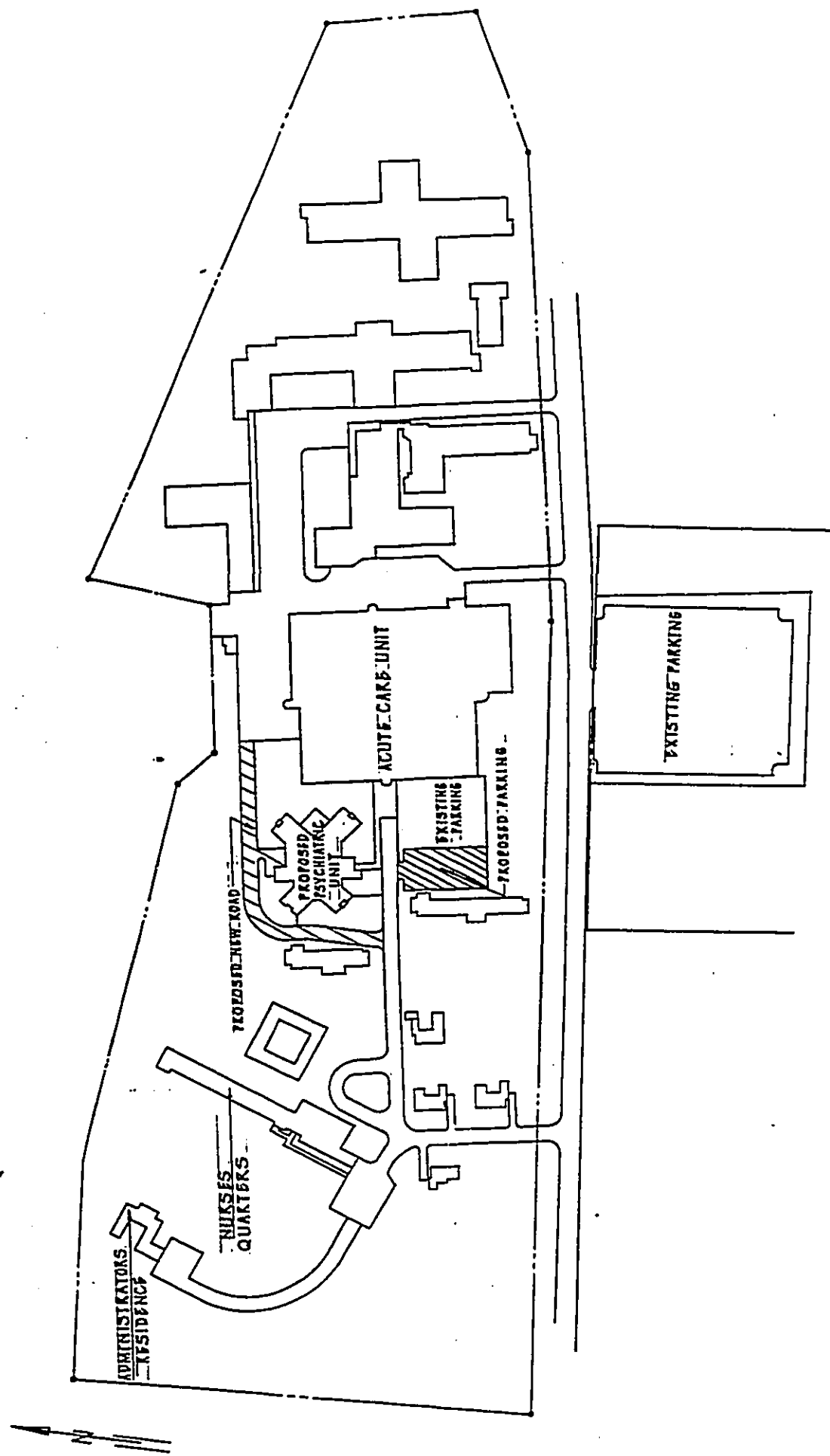
- J. DETERMINATION: It is determined that an Environmental Impact Statement should not be required for this project.
- K. FINDINGS AND REASONS SUPPORTING DETERMINATION: The project site is generally free of flood, tsunami, erosion, and landslide hazards. No rare or endangered species of flora are known to exist at the site. No rare or endangered species of fauna are known to inhabit the site. There are no recorded archaeological or historical sites within the existing site.

For the reasons sited above, the proposed action will not have any significant effect in the context of Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes and Section 11-200-12 of the State Administrative Rules.



LOCATION MAP

FIGURE 1



HCU HOSPITAL PSYCHIATRIC UNIT
PROJECT SITE MAP